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For: SUBSTANCES AND AGENTS FOR POSITIVELY INFLUENCING COLLAGEN

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

In the Office Action dated April 22, 2004, Applicant was informed that the election of species filed 19 February 2004 was incomplete and was required to identify a single disclosed of compound species from each of genera 1-5. Applicant identifies the single disclosed species as follows:

1. 4-hydroxyandrostenedione (i.e., a specific aromatase inhibitor)
2. tamoxifen (i.e., a specific anti-estrogen)
3. 4-hydroxyandrostenedione
4. not identified
5. 4-hydroxyandrostenedione (being also a 5- α -reductase inhibitor, which, at the same time, is effective for inhibiting the production of

dihydroxytestosterone; see page 14, line 29 - page 15, line 7; page 16, line 27 and page 17, lines 12-17).

Applicant does not wish to pursue further, in the present application, compounds of genera 4 (compounds that inhibit the effects of dihydroxytestosterone).

Applicant has submitted previously that a single inventive concept is given for claims 27 to 45 and 47 to 48, wherein the substance inhibits estrogen production. Because of the established unity of invention, these claims should be examined together in the present application.

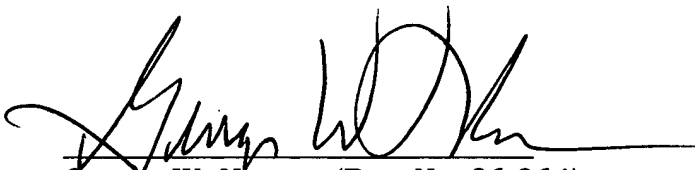
A petition has also been filed herewith requesting a one (1) month extension of time to June 22, 2004 to respond to the above referenced Office Action. Applicants also conditionally petition for a further extension time to provide for the possibility that such a petition is required. As indicated below, please charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105** for the required fee.

An early examination and notice of allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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